

DISTILLED

SAN DIEGO SPIRIT & COCKTAIL
COMPETITION



2023 ENTRY TIMELINE

Entry Deadline: Friday, February 10th

Deadline to Ship Spirits: Friday, February 17th

In Person Spirit Delivery: February 13th -17th

Judging: February 25th & 26th

ENTRY FEE

\$150 per Spirit

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Read entry materials, decide what to enter
- Enter online and pay entry fees by the February 10th deadline at distilledsandiego.com
- Save email confirmation, ship entries for judging to:

San Diego County Fair/Agriculture & Education Department
Distilled Spirits & Cocktail Competition
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
Del Mar, CA 92014

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Here's How It Works

All Spirits must conform to federal TTB and state ABC regulations and standards of identity and be currently produced in commercial quantities. No specially prepared samples will be accepted. Entries must be in their final container and sealed. Categories that are not recognized by the TTB or not in approved TTB size formats will be automatically removed from the competition.

Eligibility

Open to commercially licensed Spirits producers with valid DSP (Distilled Spirits Plant) permit and/or distributors. All Spirits must be entered with permission of the brand owners, and be available for commercial sale.

Limits

There is no limit to the number of entries per producer. No Spirit may be entered in more than one (1) class.

Tips When Registering

Register each spirit under the correct distillery name. Check your distillery's name spelling/completeness. Review your entry cart before you complete the registration transaction to assure that you have entered the correct division and class for each distillery/Spirit.

Competition Rules

1. All judging will be blind and held in a closed session. Judging will be based on the style of Spirit per category. **Classes may be consolidated, added or divided if entries warrant.**
2. Spirits will be judged in the class in which they were entered, unless the Director determines it to be more appropriate in another class and may transfer if necessary.
3. The decisions of the judges are final.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Spirit Shipping/Delivery

All Spirit entries consist of two (2) bottles 750ml or larger per entry and a copy of your online entry receipt. Spirit delivery instructions and map will be emailed following the deadline. In-person deliveries are only accepted by appointment only February 13th -17th between 9AM and 12PM (no weekends or holidays).

Spirits need to be shipped to the following address:

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Awards

Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be assigned as merited. Additional awards include Best of Class, Best of Division and an overall Best of Show. All entries will be judged on merit offering opportunities for multiple double gold, gold, silver and bronze awards in each class. The Director may opt to issue additional awards.

Double Gold Awards are reserved for the finest Spirits as agreed on unanimously by the assigned judging panel.

Gold Awards are reserved for exceptional Spirits as agreed on unanimously by the assigned judging panel.

Silver Awards are reserved for Spirits that show exceptional complexity, flavor, refinement and finesse as agreed upon by the assigned judging panel.

Bronze Awards are awarded to Spirits displaying character beyond the norm as agreed upon by the assigned judging panel.

Important: To keep costs under control for you, and to reduce environmental impacts, our awards are changing from neck hanging medals to Award Certificates (suitable for framing) in 2023 - if you desire a neck hanging medal for a particular award-winning Spirit, you must opt in after the competition results are posted. More details about this will come with the announcement of the posting of results.

SPIRIT STYLES – DIVISIONS/CLASSES

1600 - 100% Blue Agave - Tequila,

Mexico

- 01 Silver/Plata
- 02 Reposado
- 03 Añejo
- 04 Extra Añejo

1601 - Vodka

- 01 Potato (Unflavored)
- 02 Wheat (Unflavored)
- 03 Rye (Unflavored)
- 04 Grape (Unflavored)
- 05 Corn (Unflavored)
- 06 Blend (Unflavored)
- 07 Other Fruit (Unflavored)
- 08 Other Vodka (Unflavored)
- 09 Vodka (Flavored)

1602 - Absinthe

- 01 Blanche
- 02 Verte
- 03 Other

1603 - Gin

- 01 Gin (Traditional)
- 02 Gin (Regional Terroir)
- 03 Gin (Barrel Rested)

1604 - Rum (Cane Spirits)

- 01 White (Unflavored)
- 02 Gold/Amber (Unflavored)
- 03 Dark (Unflavored)
- 04 Spiced Rum
- 05 Aged Rum
- 06 Flavored Rum

1605 - Agave Spirits

- 01 Mezcal
- 02 Other Mexican Agave Spirits
- 03 Agave Spirits from Outside Mexico
- 04 Flavored Agave Spirits

1606 - Whiskey/Whisky

- 01 Bourbon
- 02 Straight Bourbon 2-5 years
- 03 Straight Bourbon 6 years & older
- 04 Bourbon Finished in Second Barrel
- 05 American Corn Whiskey
- 06 Un-aged American Whiskey (Moonshine)
- 07 American Whiskey
 - 7a. Single Malt (Peated)
 - 7b. Single Malt (Non-Peated)
 - 7c. Rye
 - 7d. Wheat
 - 7e. Multi Grain
 - 7f. Other
- 08 Scottish Whiskey
 - 8a. Single Malt (Peated)
 - 8b. Single Malt (Non-Peated)
 - 8c. Blended
- 09 Irish Whiskey
 - 9a. Single Malt
 - 9b. Blended
- 10 Japanese Whiskey
- 11 European Whiskey
- 12 Flavored Whiskey/Whisky, Bourbon
- 13 Canadian Whiskey

1607 - Brandy

- 01 Fruit/Eau de Vie
- 02 Pisco
- 03 Applejack/Apple Brandy
- 04 Kirschwasser
- 05 Slivovitz
- 06 Dried Fruit
- 07 Grappa
- 08 Brandy (Flavored)
- 09 Calvados
- 10 Cognac VS/Three Star or comparable
- 11 Cognac VSOP or comparable
- 12 Cognac XO or comparable
- 13 Vintage Cognac
- 14 Cognac (Flavored)
- 15 Armagnac VS or comparable
- 16 Armagnac VSOP or comparable
- 17 Armagnac XO or comparable
- 18 Vintage Armagnac
- 19 Schnapps (European Style Other Fruit)

1608 - Liqueurs

- 01 Amaro/Bitter
- 02 Cream/Dairy
- 03 Fruit
- 04 Herb
- 05 Spice
- 06 Nut
- 07 Digestif
- 08 Coffee
- 09 Chocolate
- 10 Anise/Licorice
- 11 Schnapps (Flavored American Style)
- 12 Pastis
- 13 Limoncello
- 14 Other

1609 - Bitters

- 01 Traditional Bitters
- 02 Fruit Bitters
- 03 Coffee Bitters
- 04 Chocolate Bitters
- 05 Other

1610 - Genever

- 01 Old
- 02 Young

1611 - Shochu

- 01 Traditional
- 02 Other Shochu

1612 - Other Spirits

- 01 Single Distillation
- 02 Multiple Distillation

1613 - Mixers (Non-Alcoholic)

- 01 Bloody Mary
- 02 Mai Tai
- 03 Hurricane
- 04 Margarita
- 05 Pina Colada
- 06 Daiquiri
- 07 Mojito
- 08 Other

1614 - Pre-Mixed Cocktails (Alcoholic)

- 01 Cocktails with Tequila
- 02 Cocktails with Vodka
- 03 Cocktails with Gin
- 04 Cocktails with Rum
- 05 Cocktails with Agave Spirits
- 06 Cocktails with Whiskey/Whisky
- 07 Cocktails with Brandy
- 08 Other
- 09 Hard Seltzers

